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# UNC falls despite Beaver's play UNC bounces back to defeat Cougars

### Team unlikely to make postseason

### **BY ANDY WALES**

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The postseason hopes of the North Carolina volleyball team likely ended in the ACC championship match Sunday. In that match, the Tar Heels fell

to seventh-seeded Maryland in three games 30-24, 30-24, 30-17. The team was unable to con-

tinue the excellent play it used to dispatch Florida State on Friday and Clemson on Saturday, both in

three games. The quarterfinal and semifinal matches showed the potential UNC possessed all season. The final match represented how they played for most of the season.

We always talked about playing hard, playing smart, playing together," said sophomore middle hitter Amy Beaver. "Once we played together, it went really smoothly, and we started to dominate." The Tar Heels dominated the

Seminoles throughout. After getting swept during the regular season, North Carolina beat fourth-seeded Florida State 30-17, 33-31, 30-24. Beaver set the tone early.

"The first few points, it was the Amy Beaver Show," said co-captain Molly Pyles. "She really set the tone game one."

Both players received an alltournament team selection.

"I always get angry when I play against (FSU)," Beaver said. "The way that they play inspires me to want to beat them." Against Florida State, Beaver hit

at a rate of almost 43 percent and recorded an impressive nine blocks.

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### "She had a burning desire to shut them down," Pyles said. Beaver said Florida State brought

out an intense passion the team often lacked during the season. UNC fed

off that energy early and often. "We felt like we had nothing to lose, we came out so hard and beat them so bad," Beaver said. "We're

not very fond of them. We pounded them from the get-go." The Tar Heels carried that

momentum into Saturday's semi-final against Clemson, beating the Tigers 30-19, 31-29, 30-23.

Beaver starred again, recording 10 kills and hitting a whopping 60 percent. With the eight blocks she added, Beaver's play was UNC's beat of the terrest best of the tournament. "We passed well, and we were

able to set her a lot, more than we have been," said Coach Joe Sagula. The team focused on passing to the middle hitters because it knew opponents would key on Pyles and fellow outside hitter Dani Nyenhuis.

But UNC faltered in Sunday's ACC final.

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met its expectations. "Our goal was to make a run and

Sagula added that he thought

the finals if they knocked off the Seminoles But as for a bid to the NCAA

Tournament, Sagula was skeptical. "My gut says no," he said. "Stranger things have happened, I'd

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seven assists in 26 minutes.

Felton said it was the first time he ever missed a game for any reason, even injury, since he started playing organized basketball in grade school.

May had 18 points and eight rebounds for the Tar Heels, while Rashad McCants had 13 points.

Mike Hall had 10 points for BYU, which finished 13-for-30 from the field (31.6 percent) and had 27 turnovers. North Carolina's biggest lead

was 39 points, which it reached three times, the last at 83-44.

The biggest margin of victory in the 21 years of the tournament was Boston College's 108-61 win over Chaminade in the opening round in 1993.

# **Tar Heels** finish 10th at NCAAs

#### FROM WIRE REPORTS

The No. 10 North Carolina women's cross country team finished 10th at the NCAA Championships Monday morning at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. The Tar Heels finished the race

with 336 points, edging Missouri to finish in the top 10.

Colorado won convincingly, tallying 63 points to take the crown. Duke was the top ACC finisher, plac-ing second overall with 144 points.

North Carolina junior Carol Henry was the only harrier from an ACC school to crack the top 10, as her 6K time of 20 minutes, 42

seconds was good for seventh. Senior Erin Donohue was next to cross the line for UNC, finishing 44th in 21:17. Alice Schmidt, Jessica Perry and Meghan Owen rounded t the scoring for the Tar Heels. Nicole Boykin and Jennie Sucher also competed for North Carolina, but did not score. "We are very happy with a top-10 finish," said Coach Michael Whittlesey. "Anytime you can finish in the top 10 in the country, it's been a great year. I thought we had a solid race and we were tough competitors on a muddy course. Henry received All-America honors for her performance. After finishing eighth overall in 2003, UNC has now finished in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships in back-to-back years for the first time in school history.

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We didn't pass well, we didn't dig well, we didn't block well," Sagula said. "All facets of the game were at a much lower level." Perhaps the Terrapins caught the Tar Heels off guard. "Maryland played three straight matches already," Pyles said. "We thought they may be tired. Hats

Despite the setback, UNC felt it

play really well," Sagula said. "So I think we exceeded that."

the Tar Heels would have reached

be more surprised than expect it."

either Stanford or Tennessee in Tuesday's semi-final at 9:30 BASKETBALL p.m. EST. Felton, who 50 started all 65 86 games in his first two seasons at North Carolina,

missed the opener as he served a one-game NCAA suspension for

playing in an unsanctioned summer league. The Tar Heels lost 77-66 to Santa Clara in Oakland, Calif.,

only the fifth time in 70 years

North Carolina dropped its season

With Felton back at the point, the Tar Heels (1-1) made sure there

was no losing streak, opening the game against BYU (0-1) with a 25-3 run. The Cougars missed nine of their first 10 shots from the field

and hit just 18.5 percent (5-for-27) in the first half as the Tar Heels

With Felton pressuring the ball and Sean May establishing a pres-ence inside, North Carolina just

wouldn't let the Cougars get a good look at the basket.

from the floor in the first half, but

he had seven assists and two steals

in reassuming his spot in the line-up. He finished with six points and

Felton missed all six of his shots

took a 48-18 lead.

LAHAINA, Hawaii – Raymond Felton made quite a difference for

The junior guard missed the Tar

Heels' season-opening loss to Santa Clara, but he was back and so was No. 11 North Carolina's defense in

an 86-50 victory against Brigham

Young on Monday night in the open-ing round of the Maui Invitational.

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### **Colorado AD steps down**

BOULDER, Colo. - Colorado athletic director Dick Tharp resigned Monday, ending a nineyear tenure sullied by accusations of recruiting violations and fiscal mismanagement.

The resignation came just months after the school's football program was rocked by allegations that sex and alcohol were used to entice recruits, and lawsuits accused players or recruits of sexual assault.

New allegations about fund-raising problems surfaced this month. The school told the NCAA ast week that a small booster club that had not been audited under university auspices bought equip-ment for the athletic department, an NCAA violation.